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Applicant: Toru UEDA et al. Conf.: 9504
Appl. No.: 09/492,154 Group: 2153
Filed: January 27, 2000 Examiner: K. PARTON
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS OF DATA TRANSFER
CONTROLLING DATA TRANSFER AMONG A
PLURALITY OF EQUIPMENTS CONNECTED TO
NETWORK AND MEDIUM RECORDING THE
PROGRAM THEREOF

STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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October 18, 2004

Sir:

Applicants received an Interview Summary dated September 17, 2004, formally reporting the results of a personal interview conducted on September 15, 2004, in the above-identified application. Pursuant to MPEP § 713.04, Applicants are providing herewith a Statement of the Substance of the Interview.

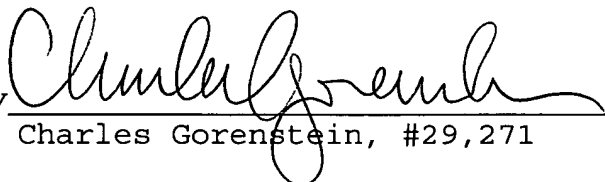
During the Interview, Applicants' representative noted that the Reply After Final filed on May 18, 2004, had not been acted upon as of September 15, 2004. The Examiner indicated that the file was in the process of being scanned and that he had not yet received the file nor had he had an opportunity to consider the


Reply. The Examiner then reviewed a copy of the Reply After Final and found the arguments to be persuasive. The Examiner indicated that once he receives the file and is able to act on the Reply After Final, he will withdraw the finality of the previous Office Action, reopen prosecution, and issue a new Office Action on the merits.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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